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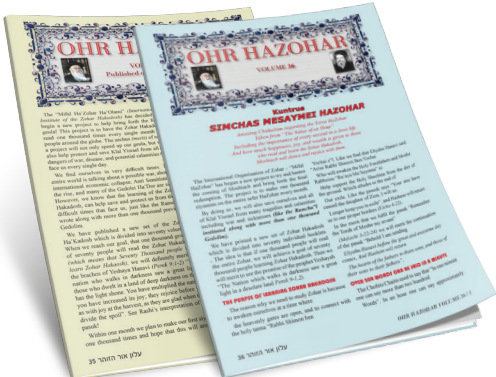
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**“The Zohar of Truth” Astounding
Revelation of the “World of Truth”**

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*Herein a True Confession from the
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**The Tzaddik that Returned from
Gehinnom (Hell)**

“How G-d's infinite mercy saved me from the deepest realms of Gehinnom”

**The Heavenly Court: ... a Voice of
Colossal Magnitude**

If you had learned the weekly Torah portion, Noach (Noah), and the *Haftara* for *Noach* [Isaiah 54], you would have learned from the Zohar on Noach how

the Almighty described him: “a foolish shepherd”. The Zohar quotes from the *Haftara*: “For like the waters of Noach this shall be to me...” (Isaiah 54:9) This is because the Almighty had told Noach that He would rescue him with an “ark” (Hebrew, *teva*), which also means “word.” As it is written in the Torah: “Then I, Myself, am going to bring the great flood of water upon the Earth...” And also, it is written: “And all flesh that moved upon the Earth died. For I am going to set up my covenant (*brit*) with you and with your descendants after you”... “And Noach entered the ark...”—because the Almighty told him that he, Noach, and his sons would be saved. However, Noach did not plead for compassion on the rest of his generation,

who consequently were destroyed. Therefore, the Great Flood is named after Noach. As it is written: “Just as I swore that the waters of Noach would never again pass over the Earth, so have I sworn not to be wrathful with you, nor to rebuke you.” (Isaiah 54:9)

Thus like Noach, you are responsible for what transpires in the world—for whatever you sleep through, failing to observe each day the “bulletins” concerning the orphans and widows arriving at your home. Why did you not make a great commotion, which would reverberate around the whole world? You are a lukewarm *Tzaddik* (saint)! Go now, and consider the consequences of your actions (or non-actions) in the Garden of Eden, extending to the entire nation of Israel...

The Neshama (soul):

I cried out with bitter and terrible screams: “Woe is me! Alas, what can I reply? What can I say? What can I plead? Before the Heavenly Courts...which have decreed upon me a punishment the most severe of all...Gehinnom! What did I do to deserve this? All my days, I fulfilled the holy mitzvot, reproof transgressors, brought merit to the public. Now I only plead for compassion...I only lived with good intentions for all the nation of Israel!

The Heavenly Court:

Don't you know that the way to Gehinnom is paved with good intentions? A *Bat Kol* (penetrating voice) from Heaven now was heard:

“Despite all of your noble intentions, you have brought great destruction, wars, disasters, and suffering upon the world. You have caused a delay in the *Geulah* (redemption) and the arrival of Moshiach, may his name be blessed.

“In fact, you are the greatest transgressor in your entire generation.”

The Neshama:

How did I ever err so greatly? Sovereign of the World, isn't there anything more that I can do to rectify this great evil?

The Heavenly Court:

Don't you know that the eyes of the Almighty traverse every secret and hidden thing, and nothing is concealed from them?

Go now, recall and declare your deeds:

In the year 5733 (1972-73), when you were very ill in America, you had sought out a doctor for diagnosis. The doctor predicted that you had only four weeks life expectancy. The news broke through you like thunder bolts on a clear day. You and your family froze with panic and astonishment at the bitter news.

Suddenly you met with help from Heaven. You spoke with your brother-in-law concerning your situation, and he told you: “I have advice to enable you to prolong your life. However, I am sure that you will not accept my advice.”

You replied to him: “My life is in grave peril. Even committing *chilul Shabbat* (Sabbath desecration) is permitted me in my condition. Therefore, I am

compelled to do anything possible to prolong my life.”

Your brother-in-law replied: “You must travel to Miami in Florida. There, with good atmosphere and sun, and with *Tzedaka* (charity), your healing will be in the wings. Hashem will assist you with your recovery. But of course, on the other hand your soul will not be so healthy—with all the terrible immorality that Miami is known for!

You told your brother-in-law, “I am ready to travel to Miami without a moment’s hesitation, for I am confident that I am able to guard my eyes from evil things. Hashem will be my Helper. As we learn from the gemara (Talmud), Hashem strengthens those who trust in

Him. If not for Hashem being with me, I don't know what I would do.”

You travelled to Miami, and there you started to learn Torah in many synagogues. In every synagogue you visited, you listened in on the shiur given by their rabbi, in order to afford him his due honor.

In one particular synagogue in Miami, the rabbi delivered a shiur on the *Mishna Brurah* (a major halachic, or legal, compendium). Some twenty aged people attended the shiur, ranging from sixty to eighty years old. During the shiur, the rabbi was asked some simple questions, so basic that even a nine year old could answer them. The rabbi passed over answering a question, but replied: “A question like that you need to ask to Rav. Moshe

Feinstein (the leading halachic authority in America at the time).” And in this vein, the shiur continued from question to question, the rabbi deflecting an answer to any question posed to him. [The implications from the description of this rabbi is that he was considered to be an *Am Ha’Aretz*—a person ignorant of Torah fundamentals.]

The same kind of demonstration of Torah ignorance you observed with rabbis delivering shiurim in several other synagogues—where many rabbis were accustomed to deliver shiurim on simple subjects, and none of them were in the least competent! You sought a solution to this problem. You decided that the solution would be to organize shiurim on the *Daf Ha’Yomi* (learning one leaf from the

gemara daily, until in seven years, the whole sixty books of *Shas*, the Babylonian Talmud, would be covered.

In this way, at last every person would be enabled to understand Torah fundamentals, and not be an *Am Ha'Aretz!* You were able to provide rabbis with the resources to prepare shiurim on the Daf Ha'Yomi. Eventually, you started to distribute cassettes on each *Masechta* (book) of *Shas*, and advertised the cassettes to all rabbis with teaching positions (*Magidey ha'Shiur*). You requested several *Talmidei Chachamim* (Torah scholars) to prepare shiurim specifically for the cassettes, and started to reproduce their shiurim on one cassette after another, eventually covering every *Daf*, every sheet of the

enormous Babylonian Talmud. Rabbis and their students bought the cassettes, and also equipment for reproducing them, and thus sprung up a veritable Torah factory, which we called a *Machsán*.

At this time, an event with special Divine Providence transpired. You ordered a taxi for travelling home, the driver of which was Chinese. You learned that the driver derived a second income, from importing Chinese-manufactured cassettes into America. You asked how much each cassette cost. His cassettes cost only twelve cents, compared to forty cents for the American-made cassettes. You told the driver that you would be in contact with him, and bring him a buyer for his

cassettes. Before long, Rav Appelbaum [spelling??] was interested in ordering the cassettes. This was a simply amazing *hashgacha pratit* (Divine Providence), all from the driver of a taxi, which led to a new business mass-producing cassettes of the Daf Yomi. Soon cassettes were being ordered in lots of 5,000 at a time.

The production commenced in earnest. You ordered advertising in Jewish media like the “Allgemeine Journal,” with notices every week. You posted notices in synagogues, and also the “Madrish Kashrut” (a kashrut guide to foods approved by Jewish authorities). And with all this publicity, you were able to secure the services of still more rabbis to prepare shiurim for the cassettes, until eventually you could say all the world started to

learn the Daf Yomi in your merit. From the four Jews that founded the organization for shiurim on the Daf Yomi, hundreds of thousands of Jews were enabled to learn the “Daf.”

Without conscious choice, the hidden ways of the Almighty drew you progressively to arrive at the lowest of the low in cities—for is there any place on earth more degenerate than Miami, a virtual production plan for low life and astonishing immorality? You allowed yourself to deteriorate to a point of endangering your very life; and in that merit, you were able to turn the Daf Yomi into an inheritance for great multitudes.

All that we have described here is nothing but an enormous transgression in

your name. Do you understand why it constitutes a sin? You were responsible for millions of Jews learning *only* the revealed Torah, and for this, you are receiving your just punishment — measured in proportion to all the “*Shas*” learned their entire lives by Jews that do not learn Zohar.

In the days of Moshiach, instead of learning and disseminating the Torah of Moshiach, thereby elevating the world, you have plunged the world into a deep pit. You disseminated and strengthened the mundane veneer of Torah. You caused the empty shells of today’s world to be strengthened more than ever. Vanity you chased after, and as a result, you have accelerated the present cycle of destruction in the world.

The Neshama:

But I am innocent of these transgressions, for I did not know!

The Heavenly Court:

At your level, lack of knowledge is no excuse.

If you had learned the *Tikuney Zohar*, you would have seen what Rebbe Shimeon bar Yochai said with penetrating words in “Tikun 43.”

Don’t you know that you are living in the generation of the Moshiach?

The Neshama:

Yes, Baruch Ha’Shem I merited this privilege!

The Heavenly Court:

Why then did you not take pains to learn the Torah of Moshiach?

The Neshama:

I am from the generation of Moshiach, but from my youngest years I was reared to learn *Shas* and gemara (the Talmud). With great discipline and perseverance, I was virtually able to learn the whole of *Shas* seven times. I acted according to what I had learned; and today the movement in learning Daf Yomi has been portrayed as the way for the entire Jewish nation to become strong-as-steel in Torah.

The Heavenly Court:

You don't need to feel proud of this achievement. To the contrary! If you

would have published a Zohar *Daf Yomi*, all Israel would then have a share in the Torah of Rebbe Shimeon bar Yochai—the Torah in which every *neshama* of Israel is sworn prior to their descent into the physical world.

The Neshama:

Save me! I request mercy, as all of my undertakings were done in the Name of Heaven, and from pure motives.

The Heavenly Court:

The generation is progressing, with the opening up of new gates of Divine light. You are in the generation of “the Footsteps of Moshiach.” The greater the sickness of the soul, the greater is the doctor needed by that soul. And the greatest doctor of souls is called Rebbe

Shimeon bar Yochai, who wrote the book called the Zohar. This is the Torah of Moshiach, the Holy Zohar!

A *tikun* (rectification) not requiring suffering, and one which virtually any Jew is able to undertake, has the potential to change the fate of the estimated million Jews learning the Daf Yomi. No more would be required than each Jew learning the *Daf Yomi Shas* on the Zohar for three minutes a day.

The Neshama:

I agree to do *teshuvah* (repentance), and transfer my great transgression to a source of great deliverance. The strengthening of the Torah of empty externality for which I was responsible, I will convert to good with G-d's help, by giving my hand to every Jew learning the

Daf Yomi Shas on the Zohar for three minutes a day. The continual learning of Zohar throughout the world will surely be a source of great blessing, and lead to the *Geulah* (redemption), transforming the world in an instant.

The Heavenly Court:

With the grace of G-d, the Heavenly Court has agreed to extend goodwill towards you, commencing with extra time on the earth. If indeed you fulfill the commitments you have already expressed, you will earn the highest place in the Garden of Eden, and merit to sit in the prized Yeshiva of Rebbe Shimeon bar Yochai. All those who merit to learn three minutes of Zohar per day will be credited in Heaven with the value of an entire year from learning

gemara, or learning the Zohar ha'Kodesh all their life.

The Neshama:

How great is the mercy of G-d to our people! How great is my portion in the nation of Israel! How sublime is my destiny!

